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Happy 75th Birthday Celebration, ICC!!

Itawamba Community College kicked off its year-long celebration of its Diamond Anniversary on Sept. 1. Several events are being planned to commemorate the event, which will culminate next September. Right, ICC President Dr. Jay Allen visits with members of the first graduating class, Dr. Roy and Doris Finney Ryan of Tupelo during the 2020 Convocation last month. Below, Juanita Gambrell Floyd motivates faculty and staff. ***Read the full story on page four.***

ICC to honor coaching legends with facilities naming, Oct. 6

Staff Reports

Award-winning Itawamba Community College women's basketball coaches Carrie Ball-Williamson of Pontotoc and Nanci Gray of Tupelo will be honored for their legacy during homecoming activities at the Fulton Campus beginning at 3 p.m., Oct. 6.

The Fitness Center will be named the Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center at 3 p.m., and the court of the Davis Event Center, for Gray during the Alumni awards which will be presented beginning at 4 p.m. A reception for all honorees will be in the DEC lobby between events.

Ball-Williamson, who retired in June, became ICCs athletic director in 2002, after serving in various roles since 1993, including director of student activities and both head women's softball and basketball coach. Her honors include ICC Adviser of the Year, Trailblazer of the Year, MACJC Coach of the Year (three times), NJCAA Loyalty Award and inductee into both the ICC and MACJC Athletic Hall of Fame. She also served as the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XXIII assistant director. From 1993-2006, Ball-Williamson's coaching record included two North Division championships. Her softball teams won three North Division championships and one state title. - ***See Coaching Legends, page twelve***

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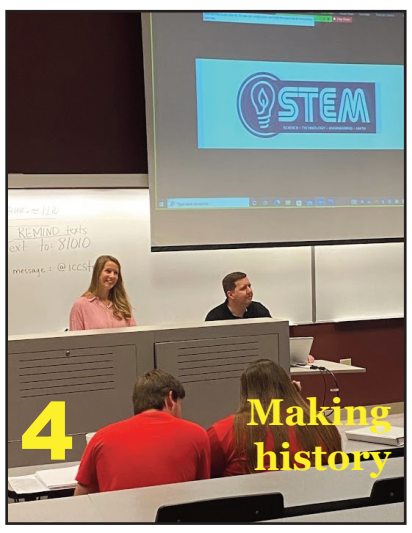

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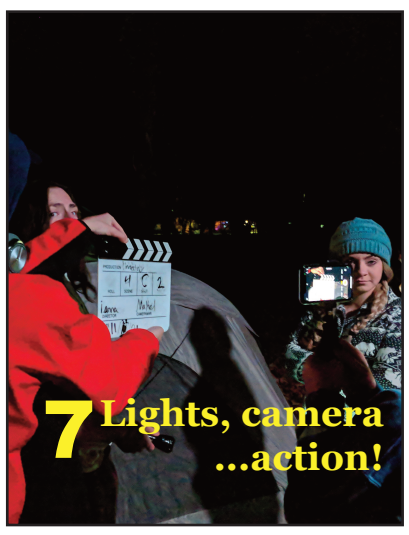

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SHELBY TUTOR
Staff Writer

I know where I'm going

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. Life will throw you challenges, but it is in those challenges that you learn who you are," spoken by the late memoirist, poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou.

From early on, I have encouraged many defeats, but I have also been triumphant in other areas. Life is full of many moments where we may not know which direction we are heading. Often, we get ahead of ourselves or experience burnout, whether that be in school, a career or just our day-to-day lives. My burnout was high school. I never felt like I could stay caught up in classes or interested enough in the subjects that were being taught, and during all of that I also had a life-altering event that led me to consider getting my high school equivalency diploma.

According to the Mississippi Department of Education, the high school graduation rate is at a record high of 88.4 percent, while the dropout figure is 8.5 percent. I was a part of that 8.5 percent. The undetermined, the shrug of a shoulder as the rest of my fellow classmates passed me by. It was junior year, only one more year to go, and I would be ready to stretch my legs and run the marathon called life. I was ready, until life happened.

Were you expecting a jump scare? So was I.

The reasoning behind most high school dropouts is because of bullying, boredom of failing too many classes or you guessed it, burnout. Once out in the real world, we start picking up odd jobs that will hire without a high school diploma just to support ourselves, but there is still a longing for what we could have been, what we aspire to be. So even though I did not complete high school, I still wanted better, so I struck out to find it. At the time, I was working at a behavioral health center for adolescents. While there I was getting a firsthand look at what caring and helping the less fortunate really looked like. I started to research the degrees to become that person, the advocate for those who are struggling. I remembered how difficult school was for me, how often I found myself drifting off to other places, but I also remembered how badly I wanted this. So, I dove in headfirst.

First, I had to cross a bridge, and that was getting my high school equivalency diploma. I studied with online tutors, spent hours in libraries taking practice tests and staying up all night trying to get the perfect score. I was determined, because based on my track record, it would have been argued that this was going to be another failed attempt. - ***See Going, page-seven.***

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

The Chieftain will print letters to the editor or guest commentaries. However, they must be signed and include a valid ICC email address and telephone number. Anonymous submissions will not be printed. The Chieftain reserves the right to print or reject letters or to edit them for clarity and space.

OPINION POLL

What do you think...

"What do you like most about ICC?"

"The very friendly atmosphere of the workers and their very welcoming way of starting every conversation."
Doug Gray, Amory Fresh.

"As a first generation college student, I knew absolutely nothing. ICC is very helpful to me."
Gray Melendez Plantersville, Fresh.

"The professors that we have at ICC are very considerate and make me feel like they care about our education, which motivates me to make good grades. I also like the food, very tasty."
Logan Woods Vernon, Ala., Soph.

"How ICC gives students hope and guides them to the future they want."
Wylain Bailey New Hope Fresh.

"It gives me a freedom that high school didn't."
Mason Bates Red Bay, Ala. Fresh.

"It has a sense of family, and most places do not."
Shelby Morrison Mantachie, Soph.

"The people...there is never a dull moment."
Luke Taylor Lamar, Ala., Fresh.

"The student-oriented mindset of all the faculty. I have never seen a college care so much about their students...Smaller classrooms allow for better learning environments as well as better student-teacher relationships. The clubs/activities are all amazing and help to create long lasting relationships."
Morgan Young Houston, Soph.

"The faculty members. They are so much more helpful and understanding than any teacher I ever had. They are really passionate about their jobs and always devote their time to make us better students."
Michael Franklin Pontotoc, Soph.

"The faculty and staff. When people say ICC is where the best start, it sure does. They are very helpful and encouraging. I love ICC and Roll Tribe."
Jordan Laney Fulton, Soph.

ETHAN KELLY
Staff Writer

VIEWPOINT

MACKENZIE SNEED
Staff Writer

Open the door and change the world

"Treat People with Kindness" is Harry Styles' famous quote that many people religiously advertise simply because it is represented by Harry Styles. But how many people actually live by this quote? Whether a fan or not, it is important to be kind to anybody and everybody you meet. No one completely understands what someone is going through except the one who is going through it. Not only does kindness spread, but it also encourages positivity.

As a first-year student, it has been hard to adjust to this new lifestyle. It is different from what it was like in high school, where I knew everyone, and everyone knew me. It was the same for everyone. That was the benefit of living in a small community. Connections were easy to make.

I had a small group of friends in high school that I spent most of the time doing everything with. And for everyone else, they knew me. They knew my name and my personality. I always had a friend in every class, someone whom if I had group work, I could partner with, even if they only talked to me in that class. But with this new environment, I don't know everyone, and everyone doesn't know me. I have stuck by the people I have known from high school because I have been too nervous to put myself out there. But that is the whole point of college...to make new friends and connections with new people...and of course, to get my degree.

It is acceptable to stick with the people you know when trying to adjust to an unfamiliar environment, but it is time that we all step outside our comfort zone. It is time we make new connections with new people. Everyone wants to do their best to leave a good first impression, and the best way to do so is by being kind.

There are so many ways to reach out. Joining organizations within the school creates opportunities and connections with people who have mutual interests. Meeting new people and leaving that good first impression can make a massive impact on your future and theirs. Friendships, whether new or "old," are important.

It is hard to just walk up to someone you have never met before and introduce yourself. Doing so can appear as socially awkward, but being kind to a stranger never is. After all, I know I am not the only one struggling to make new friends with this new adjustment in our lives. Just by doing small acts of kindness such as holding a door for someone or introducing yourself to a stranger on the way to class are insignificant things that could change your world or at least someone else's.

I am a big advocate for the butterfly effect, which is the theory that every small decision a person makes can lead to change in everyone else. Even it it's standing behind a door and keeping it open for the people behind you, it lets them know that there is common courtesy out there and can even lead others to share that act of kindness. Doing the little things can change a person's whole attitude for the day because we never know who else is scared to be here.

Smiling to strangers who pass or bursting out a quick compliment can show every individual a small ounce of comfort in these new beginnings we all are experiencing. Just by engaging with someone, whether it's in a class, the dining hall or on the sidewalk can bring new opportunities for new friendships. My biggest fault is that I am too scared to just put myself out there, but this is college, and we are adults. It is time to get out of your comfort zone and open the door to make a friend.

You never know...it could last a lifetime.

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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Laurie McBride

Fine Arts Division

FAMILY: *Married to Mitch McBride, retired bookstore manager at Northeast Mississippi Community College, whom she met when she was teaching speech and theatre; mother, Doris; sisters, Michele (Gainesville, Fla.) and Carol (Edmonton, Alberta); two cats, Betty and Rusty, rescued in Booneville, where the McBrides formerly lived*

EDUCATION: *Began as a secondary education (English/theatre) major at Tennessee Temple University, but after teaching in a small private school, she decided to further her education; master's degree in interpretative speech (theatre) from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.; doctor of arts in English from Ole Miss; and additional graduate hours in speech education at Mississippi State University.*

COURSES TAUGHT AT ICC: *Public Speaking, Theatre Appreciation and directs the spring play*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *Taught ages 2 through over 90 years old through her years as a church teacher, camp counselor and junior high-college instructor*

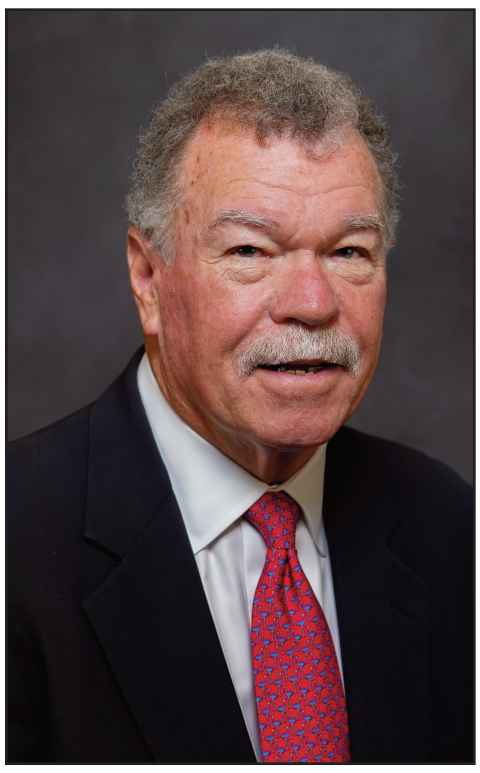
POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"I love helping and encouraging students of all ages. I'm a people person."*

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"I can care so much that I get discouraged sometimes when a student doesn't put the effort into the class."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: *"Do your best. My mother taught me that trait. She never got paid for most of the work she did, as a volunteer at the library and church, but she created some of the most amazing art pieces. She gave her all, and I try to do so as well."*

FUN FACT: *"While a volunteer at Corinth Theatre Arts, I was selected to be in a Robert Altman movie - Cookie's Fortune - as a featured extra. I didn't make a lot of money ($250), but I had a great time and got to meet some famous people like Ned Beatty, Glen Close, Chris O'Donnell and Julianne Moore."*

SHELBY STIDHAM
Staff Writer



The Itawamba Community College Alumni Association will honor Dr. C.K. "Dick" White as the recipient of the Alumnus of the Year award and Rep. Donnie Bell, the Distinguished Service award at Homecoming, beginning at 4 p.m., Oct. 6, in the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

Homecoming 2022

ICC to present alumni awards, Oct. 6

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will honor its 2022 Alumnus of the Year, Distinguished Service award recipient and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees during Homecoming activities, Oct. 6, at the Fulton Campus. They include Dr. C.K. "Dick" White of Tupelo, Alumnus of the Year; Miss. Rep. Donnie Bell of Fulton, ICC Distinguished Service award; and David Duke of Clinton and Marty Cooper of Fulton, Athletic Hall of Fame.

DR. C.K. "DICK" WHITE

White, who is a native of Fulton, graduated from Itawamba Agricultural High School and from 1969-71 attended IJC where he was a member of the baseball team. In 2020, he retired as chief medical officer of the North Mississippi Medical Center. From 2018-20, he also served as interim chief quality and safety medical officer for North Mississippi Health Services, and since 2016, executive board member of Connected Care Partners CIN. He has an extensive list of honors and awards, including NMMC Surgeon of the Year and itawamba Agricultural High School Alumnus of the Year. White is a member of numerous professional organizations and serves on the boards of several community organizations as well as a Sunday School teacher, and member of boards and committees at the Tupelo First United Methodist Church. In addition to ICC, his educational background includes the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, master's degree and doctor of medicine, residency-obstetrics/gynecology and Chief Administrative Resident, all of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He and his wife, Elsie, have endowed a healthcare scholarship at ICC. The Whites have two children, Shelly Miller and her husband, Jason of Tupelo; and Tracy Peters and her husband, Silas, of Fairhope, Ala.; and five grandchildren.

DONNIE BELL

ICC alumnus Bell was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 2008. He serves as chair of the workforce development committee and as a member of the agriculture, banking and financial services, universities and colleges and ways and means committees. He has been instrumental in funding for multiple local K-12 and municipal projects as well as workforce development for the entire community college system. Bell earned the associate's degree in agriculture at ICC, where he was a member of the Forestry Club, and the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. His professional experience includes plant manager at International Minerals and Chemicals in Tupelo and teacher and coach. Bell and his wife of almost 32 years, Nina, have three children, Paden, a teacher at Itawamba Attendance Center; Abbie, who is employed at Three Rivers Planning and Development District; and Jeremiah, a junior at Itawamba Agricultural High School.

They will be honored at 4 p.m. at the Davis Event Center and during pregame of the ICC/Holmes football game.

Baldwin, Strother represent ICC as MCCLA participants for 2022-23

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Dylan Baldwin of Pontotoc, director of career education, and Nina Strother of Fulton, director of marketing and community engagement, have been selected as participants for the 2022-23 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.

Baldwin, who joined the ICC faculty in 2013 as collision repair instructor, was promoted to his current position in July 2021. He earned the associate's degree from ICC, the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and the master's degree from Mississippi State University. His honors include the 2017 Mississippi Community College Board Leadership Academy and multiple career-related certifications. From 2012-13, he was an instructor at the Tupelo Career and Technical Center. Baldwin is a member of several advisory committees, including Front Line Leadership Curriculum Development, Curriculum Development, Itawamba Career and Technical Center and Tupelo Career and Technical Center. He and his wife, Monica, are the parents of a seven-year-old daughter, Mia.

Dylan Baldwin

Nina Strother

Strother has more than 14 years of experience as a marketing, public relations and communication professional. She has won state and regional awards for her work from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi and the Southern Public Relations Federation. Strother was a 2018 finalist for the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal's Top 40 Under 40 and a 2019 finalist for Mud & Magnolias Influential Women of Northeast Mississippi. She is a founding member of the Itawamba County Main Street Association and the Fulton Business Development Committee and board member for the Friends of Itawamba Responding to Secure Tomorrow. She has served as the president of the Public Relations Association of Northeast Mississippi. Strother earned the associate's degree from Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the bachelor's degree from Mississippi College. She and her husband, David, have two children, Sidney McCall, 12 and Liam, 9.

The Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy was developed in the spring of 2009 to address the projected need for upper-level leaders in the Mississippi Community College system. The MCCLA is organized around the practical needs for future community college leaders, specific to the Mississippi community college system.

The BEST start here!!

FYI
MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Checking email crucial to success

CALEB FULLER
Staff Writer

At the beginning of their freshman year, Itawamba Community College students receive a student email account. And, according to Telecommunications and Information Director Allen Coleman, using these accounts is crucial to college life.

"Besides Canvas, it's the official communication service," Coleman said. "You may miss important information."

If students neglect their email, they may miss important information from multiple offices such as financial aid, housing or the Business office, Coleman said. Neglect of student emails could lead to removal from classes due to lack of communication with instructors.

Coleman also said that Campus Police will often send out information or emergency alerts through email. Both the Everbridge app and ICC ALERT, which may be email synced, are vital ways to stay informed in the event of an emergency.

Aside from emergency alerts, students may receive information on upcoming events and scheduling through their college email account. This may include, but not limited to, clubs, athletics, student organizations and class relocations or cancellations.

The most common issue that TIS receives is students not resetting their email password within 120 days on myTribe, Coleman noted. "If you lose access to your email, you may miss out on vastly important information."

ICC Trading Post open for business

Staff Reports

The creation of Itawamba Community College's food pantry, now called The Trading Post, originated last year under the direction of four sophomores.

They include Ely Ward, Lydia Covington, Haley Dean and Breon Jordan. According to Nathan Ward, director of Instructional Support and ICC sponsor, sophomore Emory Reinhard has taken over the responsibilities and created a Food Pantry committee comprised of leaders from student organizations and clubs.

"The process will work differently than it has in the past as students with a need will reach out to the food pantry through an online sign-up option," Ward said. All three ICC locations, Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, will be supported.

After filling out the form stating their needs, The Trading Post will reach out to students with a second form showing the list of items in stock. Students will gather items and place them in a specified locker.

Locker locations include Fulton - David C. Cole Student Services Building (side door facing the Boggs Humanities Building; Tupelo - Student Support Center 127; and Belden - TBA.

Once the order is filled, a message is sent that the order is ready. It inlcudes the locker number and the code. The student will go to a specified locker, put in the code and take out the order.

Ward said that the committee is reponsible for intake of provisions by student organizations. Once the committee member reaches the end of his or her term, he or she will tag a new committee member from the student organiztion, which ensures sustainability of The Trading Post, Ward said.

Making history

ICC division chairs Dr. Jada Mills, Natural Science, and Bradley Howard, Computer Science, conduct ICC's first STEM Club meeting last week. The organization is made possible as part of an American Association of Community College MentorLinks grant. It replaces both the Science and Computer clubs.

ICC convocation kicks off anniversary celebration

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's 2022 fall convocation Aug. 10 included not only state-of-the-college and motivational information, but a special visit by members of the IJC first graduating class.

Rev. Roy and Doris Ryan of Tupelo accepted "keys" to ICC and reminisced about their two years at IJC. where they met. Their visit was the beginning of a year-long commemoration in observance of ICC's Diamond Anniversary, which will be officially celebrated next Sept. 1.

Faculty, staff and administrators packed the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium for the college's first in-person convocation since the onset of the pandemic. They heard not only the Ryans' story, but also how Juanita Floyd, "a scared little girl," overcame significant obstacles in her life to eventually become CREATE Foundation's Vice President of Finance and Administration.

In her "You Be The Difference" presentation, Floyd shared how at the age of 14 in the summer of 1969, she survived 10-15 minutes underwater at a Tupelo apartment complex swimming pool, numerous car accidents and other misfortunes. "I should not be standing here today," Floyd said, "but the Lord had other plans. I am so thankful to have been given a chance to fulfill my purpose in life. You make the difference!" Floyd attributed all of her succes, from being the only black child in a white classroom, to achieving college degrees, to a career she never thought possible to the encouragement and love from her mother, Bernice Gambrell, who with only an eighth grade education worked hard so that her children would have opportunities to succeed and make a difference.

"Aspire to be the difference," Floyd challenged members of the ICC family. "It's in your hands to make a difference. My mother's story is a prime example of building relationships and making a difference. If I had given up, I would not have succeeded...As working men and women, you can effectively make a difference in someone's life...You can be a change agent. My mother chose to see a different world filled with hope. She was a difference maker. You are difference makers. You be the difference."

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen urged faculty and staff members to take his 10 percent challenge during 2022-23. "As Rick Warren, author, pastor and motivational speaker said, "It's not about me, it's about making the world a better place. YOU are the difference and one of the many reasons ICC is the premier community college that it is. You belong here."

"I am often told what a great job the College is doing, and I quickly respond with "We have great people that are doing great things! It is our goal to be a little better than we are today. This can be done by each person, office, department, division and the College as a whole, and in doing so, we all make a difference."

Preparing to lead

ICC resident assistants participated in an orientation session prior to the opening of the fall semester. They include in no particular order, Marly Moore Emily Pate, Krista Ihle, Gracie Atwood, Hunter Pounds, Alex Duthu, Ally Melendez, Ari Coleman, Aaliyah Jones, Peyton Vasser, Elijah Park, Noah Barnes, Celeste Clayton, Alishea Brown, Tayla White, McKenna Powell, Kyah Chambers, Kelsey Danley, Anna Hogan, Dayshayla Galmore, Kyla Moody, Carlos O'Neal, Donavan Lucas, Jacorious Turner, Connor Rogers, Eliot McGrew, Jackson Formsma and Jeremiah Jethroe. RAs are responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operation of halls, which includes programming and activities. ICC has eight residence halls: Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Magnolia, Monroe, Monroe Annex, Pontotoc and Sheffield.

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Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Archery Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Dylan Hart	862.8333
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	862.8140
Disc Golf	discgolf@iccms.edu	
Diversity Club	Dr. Michelle Sumerel	862.8050
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Fashion Tribe	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Man UP	Dr. Michelle Sumerel	662.8050
Mirror	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Modern Language	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Phi Theta Kappa	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Bradley Howard	620,5329
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Political Science	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Sigma Kappa Delta	Keith Morris	862.8326
	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
	Dr. Ashley Craig	862.8326
	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Student Act. Board	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
STEM	Bradley Howard	862.8140
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Taylor Tutor	862.8181
Theatre	Dr. Laurie McBride	862.8307
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

TUPELO CAMPUS

Archery Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Bass Club	Dylan Hart	862.8333
Comp. Prog./Net.	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
Disc Golf	Michelle Pruitt	862.8296
Diversity Club	Dr. Michelle Sumerel	862.8050
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Future Rad. Tech.	Dr. Paul Crum	620.5233
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Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Haley Carpenter	620.5342
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	Dr. Lauren Asters	620.5208
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
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SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056

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Wesley Foundation	Zac Cox	255.2339

For more information on ICC clubs and organizations, www.iccms.edu.

Congrats!

ICC Phi Theta Kappa contact adviser Robin Lowe presents a five-year service pin to Fulton Campus coadviser Jay Humphries during a recent Upsilon Sigma chapter meeting.

ICC elects 2022-23 officers for Student Government Association

Recently-elected representatives for the Student Government Association include front, from left, Valencia Hughes, Chickasaw County (Tupelo); Zoie Tharp, Lee County (Fulton); Emme Thompson, Pontotoc County (Tupelo); Madison White, At-Large (Tupelo); Kiara McCord, Pontotoc County (Fulton); Jillian Babb, Lee County (Tupelo); Aubrey Eaton, Chickasaw County (Fulton); back, Rylie Ozbirn, At-Large (Fulton); Tykez Daniels, At-Large (Fulton); Hunter Suddieth, Monroe County (Fulton); Dylan Quinn, Itawamba County (Fulton); Will Gibson, Itawamba County (Tupelo); Lucy Vaughn, At-Large (Tupelo); and Matthew Butler, Monroe County (Tupelo). The SGA plans social activities, encourages student discussion of concerns at all ICC locations, presents recommendations to the faculty and administration and acts in an advisory capacity to the students at each location.

Lori Leachman

Emory Reinhard

Lexi Tabbs

Three ICC students named prestigious Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars

Staff Reports

Three Itawamba Community College students are among 207 Phi Theta Kappa members named 2022 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars. Lexi Tabbs of Red Bay, Ala., Emory Reinhard of Mantachie and Lori Leachman of Bruce will each receive a $1,000 scholarship.

LEXI TABBS

At ICC, Tabbs is a supplemental instructor, Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter president, Indian Delegation secretary, Fashion Tribe social media executive and a member of the Honors College, Wesley Foundation Lead Team, Food Pantry committee and the All-American Band Indianettes dance team. A nutrition/dietetics major, she has been named to the President's List for multiple semesters. Tabbs attends Red Bay Freewill Baptist Church, where she is involved with the college age group and the choir. Her parents are Brandie and James Miller and Eric Tabbs.

EMORY REINHARD

Reinhard is majoring in English education at ICC where she is Phi Theta Kappa vice president of service and MS/LA regional reporter, Student Government Association president, English supplemental instruction leader, Fashion Tribe backstage executive and a member of the Indian Delegation and Honors College. Her other activities include member of Bethel Baptist Church in Dorsey. and receptionist at Belle Ame Salon and Spa. She is the daughter of Jill and John Reinhard.

LORI LEACHMAN

A speech pathology major, Leachman is PTK vice president of scholarship, Honors College member, representative for the Food Pantry committee and Student Activities board member. She attends Grace Baptist Church in Guntown and works at Tiny Tot Daycare in Bruce. Her parents are Patsy Kellum and Jr. Leachman.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new PTK members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential. More than 1,300 applications were received.

The funds provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation also gives students the opportunity to engage in PTK programs and develop leadership skills to become future leaders.

Want To Know More?

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Student Aid	Financial Aid
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WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Barry Emison

Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.

ICC schedules short-term classes

Staff Reports

Registration for eight-week eLearning and traditional classes is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses of Itawamba Community College.

The deadline to register is Oct. 13 for the traditional term and Oct. 18 for the eLearning (online) session. Traditional classes begin Oct. 12, and online, Oct. 17.

For more information, contact the Advising office at (662) 862-8290 or (662) 620-5000 or email eadviser@iccms.edu.

ICC's All-American Marching Band

All-American Band 'in season'

ANNA GREGORY

Staff Writer

The fall semester has started once again, and with that comes football season at I-C-C!

Although the weather hasn't been as cool as fall, ICC's All-American Band is hard at work, already performing two halftime shows.

This year's show revolves around seasons, according to band director Ryan Todd. "All of the directors here at ICC have done season shows in the past and enjoyed them," he said.

The play list includes "Summertime" by Gershwin; "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire; "Hazy Shade of Winter" by the Bangles and "Somewhere over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo.

Todd said that auditions for a spot in the All-American Band are closed this semester, but those who are interested can email rotodd@iccms.edu.

This year, ICC has planned a year-long celebration to commemorate its 75th anniversary, and Todd said that the All-American Band will work closely with the Community Relations Department to see how they can contribute.

ICC adds honor society for AD Nursing students

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Associate Degree Nursing students who qualify will now have an opportunity to participate in an honor society associated with the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, according to Dr. Dana Walker, program director.

"The addition of an Alpha Delta Nu chapter offers a unique opportunity to acknowledge the academic distinction of our nursing students," Walker said. "Its mission is to recognize academic excellence and encourage the pursuit of advanced degrees as well as foster lifelong learning."

Currently ICC nursing students can join the Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Students, which is the student organization affiliated with Mississippi's chapter of OADN. This is the first time ICC has offered an honors organization for nursing.

"We realized during the pandemic just how vital healthcare professions and professionals are," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, "and this is an exceptional opportunity for us to recognize students who are excelling in an ICC healthcare program."

Walker said that nursing students would be invited to provisional membership after successful completion of at least one semester of a nursing course with a 'B" or better and no previous failure of any nursing course. Full membership would be granted in the final semester of the program if the student completes the required service project and continues to maintain a 'B' or better in all courses. According to the criteria set by Alpha Delta Nu, the honor society requires an annual service project aimed to benefit the community as well as an induction ceremony.

Among the other advantages of membership are encouraging the pursuit of advanced degrees in the profession of nursing as well as continuing education as a lifelong professional responsibility.

Walker said that the induction ceremony will be during the final semester of the core curriculum.

In addition, student members who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service are eligible for Alpha Delta Nu scholarships, which provide an opportunity for members to include this recognition as they advance in their professional journey.

ICC students excel

Staff Reports

Data received recently from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning shows students who graduate from ICC and transfer to a university receive their degree with a grade point above the state average.

In addition, ICC transfer students' GPA at graduation (3.27) is equal to native IHL graduates and slightly higher for ICC transfer students with 30 or more transfer hours, according to Liz Edwards, director of Institutional Research and Accountability.

"ICC's priority is our students, and it is our mission to provide them with a quality educational foundation, no matter where their life journey takes them," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "Not only do we prepare students to transfer to IHLs, but we provide the skills necessary for them to enter the workforce through our career education programs."

Are you checking your ICC email?

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Fall 2022 Calendar

September 28.....Last Day to Drop Classes with 'W' (First Eight-Week eLearning)
September 30.....Last Day to Drop Classes with 'W' (Traditional First Eight-Week Classes)
October 3.....Spring 2023 Class Schedule Available
October 3-4.....Final Exams (Trad. First Eight-Week Classes)
October 6-13.....Final Exams, eLearning (First Eight-Week Classes)
October 7.....Progress Reports (Traditional Full-Term Day/Night, eLearning)
October 10-11.....Fall Break
October 12 .....First Day of Classes (Traditional Second Eight-Week Classes)
October 13.....Last Day to Add Traditional Second Eight-Week Classes
October 17 .....First Day of Classes (eLearning Second Eight-Week Classes)
First Day of Advising for Spring
Student Evaluation of Instruction Surveys Available
October 18 .....Last Day to Add eLearning Second Eight-Week Classes
November 2 .....Last Day to Drop Classes with 'W'/Withdrawal - eLearning Full-Term Classes
November 7 .....Registration Begins - 2:30 p.m. (Currently-Enrolled Honors College/Allied Health)
November 8 .....Registration Begins - 7:30 a.m. (Currently-Enrolled Sophomores - 24 or more hours)
November 10.....Registration Begins, 7:30 a.m. (Currently-Enrolled Freshmen)
November 14 .....First Day of Class (eLearning Second Four-Week Classes and Last Day to add eLearning Second Four-Week Classes)
November 16 .....First Day of Registration for Adult Learners, Readmission and Transfer Students and December 2022 High School Graduates)

Student Accomplishments

Finley receives Trustmark scholarship

Staff Reports

Recent ICC graduate Nelson Finley of New Albany has received the Trustmark Workforce Development Scholarship.

Finley is among 25 members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to receive the $200 scholarship, which is awarded in states throughout Trustmark's marketplace who plan to enter the workforce upon the completion of an associate's degree or certification.

Finley, who majored in Computer Programing Technology, is a member of PTK, and his honors included All-Mississippi Academic Team and the Dean's List. He is the son of Latrese Finley.

"Members of Phi Theta Kappa are committed to academic excellence, and we are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa to recognize their accomplishments," Trustmark Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Communications and Marketing Melanie Morgan said. "We would like to congratulate the Trustmark Workforce Development Scholarship recipients, and we look forward to seeing them develop into future leaders, as well as make significant contributions in their communities."

Approximately 74 percent of students attending associate degree-granting colleges will enter the workforce following graduation, and one in four PTK members is a career education student. The costs of required industry certifications are directly passed to the students, and the Trustmark Workforce Development Scholarship is one of a growing number of scholarships available to assist with these expenses.

ICC's Film Club members shoot a scene from an upcoming production recently. No experience is necesary to participate in the oganization. - *Photos by Morgan Cutturini*

Film Club open to all ICC students

SHELBY STIDHAM
Staff Writer

The Film Club members are eager to start creative and memorable projects this year, according to sponsor Morgan Cutturini.

"Film Club is a good creative outlet and perfect opportunity to learn digital media," Cutturini said. "Students can also meet other creative classmates through the club."

The ICC Film Club features the production of short films, sponsors the annual Zombie Run and attends film screenings.

All ICC students can be a part of the Film Club, and no experience is necessary, Cutturini said. There is also a film class on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses which offers two college credit hours.

This year, the film class has a committee that will write a comedy script. Cutturini said that the film members need volunteers to work on the camera, sound, acting, lights, wardrobe, make-up, editing and more. Those who are interested should email filmclub@iccms.edu. or mscutturini@iccms.edu.

Cutturini said the Zombie Run this year will be on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18 on the Fulton Campus and Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. on the Tupelo Campus. Before the event begins, film students are asking for volunteers to start doing zombie makeup and decorating at 1 p.m.

Additional projects include production of a podcast titled *Off Script*, which will be a discussion of movies. There are opportunities for those who are interested to host or be a guest on the show. Cutturini said there will be a screening featuring the film *Isolated* on Nov. 8. More information will be available soon.

The next Film Club meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in Boggs Humanities Building classroom 104 on the Fulton Campus.

Cutturini said that students can stop by the film class which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:35-1:50 p.m. if interested in more film details. The social media pages are updated frequently across all platforms with dates, times and events.

For additional information, contact Cutturini at mscutturini at iccms.edu.

Going

From page two

The high school equivalency test is composed of four subjects and four exams: mathematics, language arts, social studies and science. It is easy to get overwhelmed here, too, because just like high school, the equivalency tests requires the same amount of effort and attendance to be able to succeed. But if you want something badly enough, you manifest it.

As luck would have it, I passed all the subjects except one, math. Undeniably my worst subject (did I mention you also have to have a minimum of 145 to pass?). All three times I would be one point away from passing until that fateful day in September of 2021. Upon passing, I immediately signed up for college, because for some, obtaining a diploma means furthering their education, but for others, it is just something to have with their name on it, a sense of accomplishment.

We go to college, and a lot of people know what they want, what direction they are going. I was always so envious of people with a sense of direction, but I was just going. I really did not know for sure what I wanted after I got started. I did not have a yellow brick road until I finally heard the ticking of my heart telling me to go into social work to help those who need helping. Oftentimes students feel ashamed for having to take the scenic route to an education, but no matter how we get there, we are all on a journey to the same goal. Many celebrities such as Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey and even Simon Cowell have earned their diploma the alternate way.

I am now on the road that I have dreamt about for so long. I may not have walked across the stage with my fellow classmates in my hometown, but I did walk among others with the same life goals. We all encounter defeats for a reason, often so we can know who we are, what we can rise from and how we can still come out of it.

I now know where I'm going. Do you?

HAPPENING Now

Dates to Remember

Staff Reports

University Visits
September 21
University of North Alabama
College of Business and Technology
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Back Lobby
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

September 22
Delta State University
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
Back Lobby
8-10 a.m.

September 26
Ole Miss - Tupelo
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Back Lobby
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

September 29
Ole Miss - Tupelo
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
Back Lobby
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

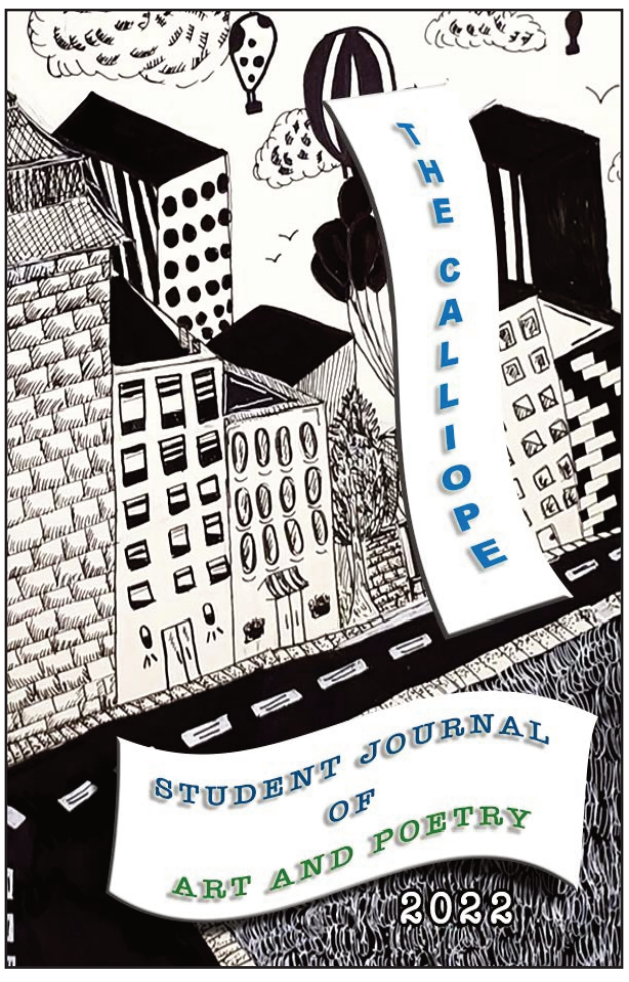
Upcoming PTK Meetings
Beta Tau Sigma
Tupelo Campus
October 18, November 8
12:15 p.m. - Purvis Center 109

Fall Break
October 10-11

Coming Up...

Social Work as a Career:
Lunch and Learn
September 20 - 12:15 p.m.
Advanced Education Center 115 - Tupelo
Boggs Humanities Building 210/212
for Social Work majors

Tales of Terror - October 25
Crane Pavilion - Fulton



The 2022 edition of ICC's 'The Calliope' features 10 poems and 13 illustrations. Editors were ICC art department cochair Shawn Whittington, art, and English instructor Keith Morris., poetry. Student poetry editors include Connor Monaghan and Jessica George.

The Calliope wins first place

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's 'The Calliope" has won first place in the Creative Writing Journal - In-House, Professionally Printed Journal" category awarded by the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association.

The 2022 edition of the student journal of art and poetry, which was published online in the spring, included 10 poems and 13 illustrations. Editors were ICC art department cochair Shawn Whittington of Saltillo, art, and English instructor Keith Morris of Tupelo, poetry. Student poetry editors were Connor Monaghan of Aberdeen and Jessica George of Tupelo.

"We are very pleased to be recognized and awarded by the MCCCWA for our publication," Whittington said. "The Calliope has been a collaboration between the Art and English departments for 10 years. We managed to publish an edition even through the hiccup of COVID and quarantine. During that time, Keith Morris and I have streamlined the process and have both learned a lot along the way. We just love celebrating and promoting our students' creativity, and it is a delight to see students when they view their works in publication for the first time. When you combine art and poetry together, you are creating something that is greater than the sum of its parts."

For years, Mr. Whittington has meticulously crafted each edition," Morris said. "I am honored to be able to work with him and our students, and I am excited about the MCCCWA award."

The Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association is a counsel of the 15 community college creative writing instructors.

Four ICC students receive creative writing awards

Staff Reports

Four ICC students were among the winners in the 2022 Mississippi Community College Creative Writers Association competition.

They include Ally Mendez of Plantersville, first, short fiction for "Always Watching;" Shelby Tutor of Ecru, third, creative nonfiction for "No One's Gonna Love Us;" Brody Johnson of Guntown, first in theatre for "Apex;' and Aliyah Birmingham of Tupelo, third in literary essays for "The Yellow Wallpaper."

The competition included poetry, short story, essay (creative nonfiction), literary essay, dramatic writing and college literary magazine.

First, second and third place winners received monetary prizes of $100, $60 and $40, respectively.

ICC Foundation, Inc. awards scholarships to students for 2022-23

Staff Reports

Several students are the recipients of Foundation scholarships at ICC for 2022-23. They include

Aberdeen - Tyler Gill, Taylor Harrison, Micah Terry, Kaleb Wilkins;

Amory - Ella Browning, Matthew Carter, Marley Edwards, Dorien Griffin, Brooklyn Owen;

Baldwyn - Caden Cates;

Batesville - Albert Martin;

Belden - Breia Foster, Adelin Mathis, Min-Hao Sun;

Belmont - Karly Weeks;

Blue Mountain - Jazmine Moreno;

Blue Springs - Chad Bishop, Amanda Walton;

Bruce - Lori Leachman;

Caledonia - Lucas Williams;

Clinton - Addison Pletzke;

Columbus - Kinnedy Johnson;

Ecru - Madison Paul;

Fulton - Elon Braxton, Hayden Campbell, Camron Cowart, Connor Foster, Kelcie Graham, Madison Green, Thomas Holcomb, Kasey Homan, Laura Johnson, Cassidy Little, Wesleigh Loague, Marly Moore, Kaitlyn Plunkett, Cally Senter, Riley Sheffield, Katie Sheffield, Kamilah Ware;

Golden - Tyler Whitaker;

Guntown - Drew Capobianco, Rorie Coker, Chandler Howell, Shelby Razer, Alesha Turner;

Hamilton - Jonathan Poss;

Houlka - Alishea Brown, Lekedric Moore;

Houston - Allison Blansett, Brantley Brown, Alyssa Haire;

Madison - William White;

Mantachie - Bailee Caples, Tyler Chase, Terri Guin, Cristy Hurd, Sydney McKee, Courtney Moran, Ella Pitts, Trevor Strickland;

Marietta - Seth Guin, Madison Jones, Bailey Pettigo;

Mooreville - MaKayla Douglas, Kaley Gholston;

Nettleton - Alex Bennett, Anna Maldonado, Emma McCollum, Chloe Minich, Jonathan Morales;

New Albany - Megan Haywood, Zachary Mims, Jodi Parks, Shelbie Tanner, James Williams, Patrick Zyla;

Okolona - Taylor Ford, Whitley Hill, Makayla Hodges;

Oxford - Natasha Campbell, Benjamin Wells;

Pheba - Lauren Ivy;

Plantersville - Tytitana Harris;

Pontotoc - Emily Clowers, Connor Coker, Sophie Harrison, Aizlynn Herbert, Gabriel Hester, Caroline Holloway, Tristan Kelly, Mollie Moore, Damien Murphy, Micheal Nix, Jace Russell, Evalena Russell, Randy Tzib;

Red Bay, Ala. - Landon Glover;

Ripley - JaNiyah Edgeston;

Rolling Fork - Juliana Scott;

Saltillo - Seth Clark, Madison Copeland, Lydia Jefcoat, Preston Knight, John Long;

Shannon - Jake Lauderdale, Sharicka Martin;

Smithville - Cassidy Herren, Tiffany Little, Alexa Mackey, Abigail Vann,;

Taylor - Ahmad Patton-Bey;

Thaxton - Payton Bailey;

Tremont - Stewart Risner, Madalyn Walton;

Tupelo - Elijah Coleman, Angelia Duke, Elizabeth Wiggington-Johns, Chelsea Fries, Deasia Hampton, Laken Hood, Grace McMullan, Taniya Patterson;

West Point - Andrea Brown; and

Woodland - Dillon Ellison.

Foundation scholarships are provided and funded for ICC students by individuals, businesses, industries or organizations. For more information on scholarship endowment, contact Michael Upton, director of advancement, (662) 862-8035 or email maupton@iccms.edu.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information about ICC emergency procedures... www.iccms.edu

Reflections

Beverly Fatherree, emerita professor of English at Hinds Community College and presenter of the first "Reflecting Mississippi: Finding Yourself in Mississippi's Reflection" series, visits with ICC student Connor Monaghan. Her presentation topic was Eudora Welty.

Miller, Cozart to present next 'Reflecting' topics

Staff Reports

Mary Miller, writer and assistant professor of English and creative writing (fiction) at The W, will present "An Evening with Mary Miller: A Mississippi Writer's Reflection, Sept. 21, and Kevin Cozart, coordinator of both operations and community engaged learning and research at the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies at the University of Mississippi, "Seeing Queerly: The Power of Photography to Change Minds," Sept. 28, as part of the "Reflecting Mississippi: Finding Yourself in Mississippi's Reflection" series.

Both presentations are scheduled for 6 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Miller will also conduct a writing workshop at 11 a.m., Sept. 22, in the ICC Fulton Campus library.

Born and raised in Jackson, Miller is the author of two collections of short stories, Big World and Aways Happy Hour, as well as the novels The Last Days of California and Biloxi.

She is a former Michener Fellow at the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas and John and Renée Grisham Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi.

Mary Miller

Kevin Cozart

Her awards include Individual Artist Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission and the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters nomination in fiction for Biloxi, both in 2020. Miller's current position and activities include judge for DC Berry Fiction Prize, the University of Mississippi, and for The Dilettanti: The W's Annual Literary Magazine, both in 2022; and presenter for "Good Mystery: Writing Engaging Fiction," the Southern Literary Festival in the spring of 2022. She lives in Oxford with her husband, Lucky, and her dog, Winter.

A native Mississippian, Cozart has been a member of the University's staff since 2004 and has served on the University's Staff Council, adviser for the UM Pride Network and OUTGrads, president of the Graduate Student Council and co-director of the ALLIES program.

An Ole Miss graduate, Cozart earned master's degrees in journalism with an integrated marketing communications emphasis and in higher education and student personnel with a minor in gender studies. He is also an adjunct instructor at UM.

Cozart's research interests focus on the intersections of gender, sexuality and mass media and journalism as a gendered organization. He is the winner of the 2019 UM Lift Every Voice Award and currently serves on the board of directors for OXFilm.

The presentations are made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Interested in research careers in science, math, engineering?

Staff Reports

Students interested in research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics or engineering are invited to apply to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education program.

In the spring 2023, the Goldwater Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2023-24 academic year. In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institution.

The submission deadline for all 2023 nominations is by 5 p.m. CST on the last Friday in January 2023.

The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of $7,500 per year. Scholarship recipients nominated as sophomores can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Scholarship recipients nominated as juniors are eligible for a maximum of one year of support.

To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior, who is or intends to pursue a baccalaureate degree, has one or two years of full-time undergraduate study remaining, has a 'B" average or equivalent and is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who will pursue a research career in the natural sciences, mathematics or engineering.

Interested sophomores should contact Dr. Jada Mills, Natural Science division chair, at jjmills@iccms.edu by Oct. 1.

Learning trip

ICC speech instructor and Travel Tribe cosponsor Jessi Stevenson visits the Garden of Versailles as part of an EF-sponsored training session for college travel representatives.

Stevenson joins travel representatives in Paris

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College speech instructor joined college travel representatives from across the United States in Paris, France for a five-day training session this summer.

The all-expenses paid Orientation and Development Seminar with EF Tours will enable Stevenson and Travel Tribe cosponsor Dr. Edana Nail to better lead educational travel initiatives for students in today's climate.

Stevenson said that EF led training seminars each morning

and daily walking tours of the city each afternoon.

As a result, she said that she "feels much more knowledgeable about touring internationally."

The trip to Paris was Stevenson's second. She traveled with ICC as a student while earning course credit for English Literature in 1999. Stevenson said that the trip "sparked a love for travel, and today, she strives to instill a love for travel and an appreciation for other cultures among today's generation of ICC's students through Travel Tribe."

Stevenson, Nail and the Travel Tribe will tour Italy next May with EF Tours.

For more information on the tour, email travel@iccms.edu.

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ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title Iv of the Civil Rights At of 1964; TitleIX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

www.iccms.edu
662.862.8000

Get involved!

Join a club or organization at ICC!

#thebeststarthere

Although it's hard to believe, ICC is a month into the fall semester, but a great beginning continues to improve...The first few days included such events as the President's block party, BSU water party and Burgers and Blues at the Wesley House.

Only the beginning

Additional events were block parties at both the Tupelo Campus and the Belden Center, lemonade with Housing and a kickball tournament. Check out the next issue of the Chieftain for more student (and faculty/staff) activiites.

Marty Cooper, David Duke

ICC to induct two into Athletic Hall of Fame at 4 p.m., Oct. 6

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will induct former head men's basketball coach Marty Cooper of Fulton and 1983-84 tennis player David Duke of Clinton into the Athletic Hall of Fame for 2022.

MARTY COOPER

Cooper served as the head basketball coach at ICC from 1998-2012 before he retired from coaching and continued as a faculty member.

He coached his team to four league titles and won the league, state and region in 2008, which was ICC's first in more than 35 years. He is the only coach in ICC's history to take a team to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., and he did it three times (2002, 2007, 2008).

He was named MACJC Coach of the Year in 2008 and NJCAA Region 23 Coach of the Year three times. His overall community college coaching record was 368-219.

Cooper also coached at East Central Community College where he guided his team to the state championship in 1993.

He is currently the boys' basketball coach at Belgreen, Ala., where his teams have been area champions (3 years), region champions (2021) and state runner-up in 2021, the first team in school history to accomplish this level since 1994. His cumulative coaching record is 447-233.

Cooper and his wife, Jennifer, who served as his assistant coach at both ICC and East Central as well as a natural science instructor, have one daughter, McKenzie.

DAVID DUKE

Duke, who attended IJC for two years beginning in 1983, was an integral part of the college's first state tennis title since the program began in 1974.

He competed both years in the NJCAA championships in Ocala, Fla. and continued his tennis career at Mississippi College where he played for two years.

During his freshman year, he won the no. 2 singles title, and as a sophomore, the no. 2 singles title and with a partner, the no. 1 doubles title.

Since 1994, he has taught at Clinton High School, where he coached the tennis team (2007-19).

Duke and his wife, Misty, a seventh grade ELL and Reading Excel teacher at Clinton Junior High School, have one son, Chandler, an accountant at Waring Oil in Vicksburg. He is the son of David and Carole Duke of West Point.

The honorees will be recognized during a presentation in the Davis Event Center beginning at 4 p.m., Oct. 6, and during pregame of the ICC-Holmes football game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Saluting... ICC's Athletic Trainers

Itawamba Community College's 2022-23 athletic training staff includes, from left, Campbell Dye of Saltillo, Johnathan Rogers of Olive Branch, Anna Grace Coomer of Ecru, Nikki Monk of Fulton, Josh Holt of Mooreville, Anna Maldonado of Plantersville, Mason Simmons of New Albany and Daniel Beaman of Belden. They are responsible for such duties as applying tape, bandages and braces to protect or prevent injuries and providing first aid. They work the sidelines of ICC's football games.

Fall sports in full swing

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's fall sports are in the midst of a full schedule.

At press time, the latest updates included...

GOLF

The ICC golf program picked up its best finish since 2019 wth a big second round which propelled them to a third-place finish at the MACCC Event 1 at Shiloh Ridge Country Club in Corinth, Sept. 13.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team (3-1-1) went to extra time twice, Sept. 13, before ending in a 1-1 draw with Meridian Community College.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team had a tough road test in their final nonconference game against Motlow State Community College last Monday. Despite a hard-fought contest, the Lady Indians (3-2) suffered a 3-0 loss to the Lady Bucs. On Sept. 13, freshman forward Beth Lloyd was named Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week.

VOLLEYBALL

The ICC volleyball team (9-2) battled with No. 15 Gulf Coast State in their first game of a doubleheader at Pensacola Christian College Tuesday. The Commodores held off the Indians in the fourth set to pick up a 25-19 set win and the 3-1 victory.

Coaching legends

From page one

From 1981-93, she taught eighth and ninth grade and was junior high and high school basketball and softball coach in the Pontotoc City Schools. She is married to Troy Williamson.

Gray retired in 2019 after 40 years in basketball, including junior high, high school and community college. She never had a losing season in 30 years as a head coach. In 13 seasons at ICC, she compiled a 250-101 record, one that included six 20-plus winning seasons. Gray, who began her career as an assistant for her former coach, Jimmy Guy McDonald, at her alma mater in Houlka, also led high school programs at Bruce and Tupelo, Highlights of her career from 2007-19 include even North Division Championships, two MACJC championships, three NJCAA Region 23 Championships, three NJCAA National Tournament appearances, two-time MACJC Coach of the year, three-time NJCAA Region 23 Coach of the year and inductee into both the ICC and MACCC Athletic Hall of Fame. At ICC, in 1975, she was a member of the revitalized women's basketball tam, which in its first year won the MACJC State Championship and participated in the NJCAA National Tournament. She also was named honorable mention, All-American. She is married to Joel Gray, and they have two children and six grandchildren.

The public is invited.

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Tribe Talk

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Sports Editor

Itawamba Community College student-athletes go through a lot behind the scenes that most people don't see.

They are typically known for how they play on the field or on the court, but people don't know the countless hours that are devoted to their sport or the classroom while they are in that role.

Student-athletes not only play on the field or on the court, they also are enrolled in at least 12 or 15 hours or more and spend time in the classroom and in academic preparation just like regular students. They must maintain a certain grade point average to be able to play and be successful in their sport. However, ICC's student-athletes seem to make that look easy with the help of study hall, which enables them to get work done so they can focus on what they love doing. In fact, in July, 61 ICC student-athletes earned NJCAA academic honors, and 101 attained MACCC academic honors.

Student-athletes also must be on time or even early for class and practice, which helps to hone good time management skills as well as to set an example of being a good student. So, a good work ethic in the classroom helps both on the field or court.

Most athletes spend countless time working on plays, conditioning for the season, watching film and getting stronger in the weight room. All these take time and work ethic because the conditioning keeps them in shape to last not only throughout the game or match, but most importantly, in those final moments. The film helps them to improve on trouble spots that they might not see right away. Players also need the weight room to build muscle and keep them in shape despite the bumping and grinding of the game because it takes a toll on their bodies.

Each student-athlete loves when they have a good team win, but none of this happens without great leadership from the coaches all the way to the players. One of the most important words in the sentence before is team. All wins are the result of team play, and one of the first things that a student-athlete must learn when he or she steps on the court, field or pitch is to play as a team. As you've heard before, there is no I in team!

Winning only happens when student-athletes spend countless hours in both physical and mental preparation, whether it's on or off the field or court, which leads them to ultimate success in the classroom and in baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and volleyball.

The next time that you are at a game or match, perhaps you can better understand how hard our student-athletes work every day to make their teams THE BEST!! Roll Tribe!!"

Player of the Week

ICC frehman forward Beth Lloyd was named MACCC Women's Soccer Player of the Week. She scored three goals and picked up three assists.

Indians beat Northeast; fall to Jones, Gulf Coast

Staff Reports

ICC 28, NE 27

In another instant classic, Itawamba Community College overcame a 21-point first half deficit to defeat Northeast Mississippi Community College, 28-27, in overtime, Thursday night.

"It's really special," said ICC Head Coach Sean Cannon. "I challenged the kids at halftime to settle down and just play football, and I'm so proud of our kids' effort tonight. To be able to start off 1-0 against Northeast in North Division play is just special."

The Indians trailed early as Northeast scored 14 points in the opening quarter, including a scoop and score and added a touchdown early in the second quarter to take a 21-0 lead into the break.

Coming out of the half, the Indian offense was clicking on all cylinders and scored three touchdowns on consecutive drives to tie the contest at 21, highlighted by the game-tying 60-yard touchdown pass from Karson Green to Shamar Sandgren with 3:36 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers had two chances to take the lead in the final three minutes of regulation, but their two fieldgoal attempts were off-target sending the game to overtime.

Eric Watts scored from eight yards out in overtime, and Price Nixon nailed the extra point to give the Indians a 28-21 lead.

On the Tigers overtime possession, the Indians forced a fourth and 20 from the 24, but the Tigers threw a 25-yard touchdown in the back corner of the endzone to cut the lead to one. The Tigers' extra point went wide right, and the Indians picked up the thrilling overtime win, 28-27.

JONES 44, ICC 0

The 2022 football season kicked off with ICC falling to No. 11 Jones College, 44-0.

It was a tough night for the Indians who finished with 103 yards of total offense while the Bobcats had 498 yards of total offense highlighted by a 190-yard, four-touchdown rushing performance from Robert Henry.

Darryen Hobbs (Olive Branch), who led the Indians with 10 tackles, was one of 22 defensive players to record a tackle.

GULF COAST 37, ICC 13

The ICC football team dropped a 37-13 decision to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in its 2022 home opener. The Bulldogs scored 24-unanswered points to pull away for the victory.

Gulf Coast scored on its opening possession with a six-yard run by Xavier Evans. The Indians answered on the ensuing possession when Zae Davis (Biggersville) hauled in a 47-yard pass to set up Eric Watts (Opelika, Ala.) for a 19-yard touchdown toss from Red Parker (Houston).

Watts, who had four catches for 38 yards and a score, carried the ball seven times for 19 yards.

Parker completed 11 of 16 passing for 144 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 73 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown in his first collegiate start. Davis hauled in three catches for 85 yards.

Darryen Hobbs (Olive Branch) had 13 tackles with two assists and two forced fumbles. Dominique Taylor (Olive Branch) added 10 tackles with one for a loss of four yards. Antravian Smith (Southaven) recovered a fumble to go along with two tackles and four assists and one on a tackle for a two-yard loss.

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

9.22	@Northwest	7 p.m.
9.29	@MS Delta	2:30 p.m.
10.06	Holmes	6:30 p.m.
10.13	Hinds	6:30 p.m.
10.22	@East Miss.	2 p.m.
10.27	Coahoma	6:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

9.16	Southwest Miss.	4 p.m.
9.23	@Co-Lin	3 p.m.
9.27	MS Gulf Coast	3 p.m.
9.30	@Meridian	5 p.m.
10.4	@Pearl River	7 p.m.
10.7	Jones	3 p.m.
10.14	@Hinds	5 p.m.
10.18	Holmes	3 p.m.
10.21	@Northwest	3 p.m.
10.25	East Central	3 p.m.
11.1	Region 23 Playoffs	

WOMEN'S SOCCER

9.16	SW Miss.	2 p.m.
9.18	Columbia St.	3 p.m.
9.23	@Co-Lin	11 a.m.
9.27	MS Gulf Coast	2 p.m.
9.30	@Meridian	7 p.m.
10.4	@Pearl River	5 p.m.
10.7	Jones	1 p.m.
10.14	@Hinds	3 p.m.
10.18	Holmes	1 p.m.
10.21	@Northwest	1 p.m.
10.25	East Central	1 p.m.
11.1	Region 23 Playoffs	

VOLLEYBALL

9.16	Northwest Miss.	5 p.m.
9.20	@Lawson St.	5 p.m.
9.23	Walters St.	3 p.m.
	Chattanooga St.	5 p.m.
9.24	Spartanburg Meth.	
	@Wallace St.	9 a.m.
	Wallace St.	1 p.m.
9.27	Pearl River	5 p.m.
9.30	Champions Chr.	5 p.m.
10.5	Bevill St.	5:30 p.m.
10.13	@Champions Chr.	TBA
10.17	MUW	5 p.m.
10.21	@Northwest	2 p.m.

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ICC's Bishop, Harper among recipients of MAMA scholarships for 2022-23

Staff Reports

Two Itawamba Community College students were among the winners of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association scholarships for 2022-23.

Chad Bishop of Blue Springs and Joseph Harper of Baldwyn each received an award of $1,500 for one academic year to be used for educational expenses.

Bishop, who is a sophomore at ICC majoring in robotics automation hasbeen a wastewater treatment plant operator at APMM in Guntown for the last 11 years. He is a certified treatment specialist and a hands-on practitioner with operational, analytical and maintenance proficiency across a full spectrum of wastewater systems and equipment.

Bishop said that he is "excited for the opportunity to work as a maintenance team member in the automotive industry. With the hands-on training I am receiving, I will be more prepared to take on maintenance responsibilities at APMM when I finish. This degree will help me better support my family and reach higher occupational goals."

A sophomore at ICC, Harper is studying Industrial Maintenance and is in the Advanced Manufacturing Technician program at Toyota Mississippi. A president's list scholar at ICC and on the principal's list at Baldwyn High School where he graduated, Harper has a strong work ethic and volunteer spirit.

He is an active member in the teen and young adult ministry at the Love Alive Christian Center in Guntown. Harper said that as an AMT student, he has learned over the past year how to balance both work and school as he attends classes at ICC two days a week and works three days a week on the first shift at Toyota Mississippi.

MAMA awarded 15 scholarships for 2022-23 to community college and university students interested in pursuing a career in the automotive man ufacturing industry.

Since 2006, MAMA has supported the growth of a strong workforce essential to the health of all industries in the state. This year's scholarships were awarded to technical and engineering-related majors as well as nontraditional majors that can be applied in the automotive industry.

Along with the scholarship, recipients will also have one-on-one mentoring from a MAMA member in their region and the opportunity to participate in job skills workshops.

MAMA serves its members by promoting growth, development and improvement in the automotive industry in Mississippi as well as serving as a forum for interaction among automotive manufacturing companies in the state.

In extending his congratulations, Kevin Burgess, MAMA president said, "MAMA is excited to target ambitious students with an interest in an automotive career with scholarships to help them become the next leaders of our industry. The outstanding group of students who received this year's Mississippi Manufacturers Association's scholarships bode well for the future of automotive manufacturing in our great state. I congratulate them and wish them success in completing their degree, followed by a successful start in our industry!"

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